

his ongoing affection and love for his city and the many good things that happen here.

Dick Donahue was a remarkable Lowellian. I know I'm not alone when I say thank you to him for his endless dedication to his country and his city; and to his wife and family for sharing him with us. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will be felt across this region for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 16, 2015, I was unable to be present for a recorded vote. I would have voted "YES" on roll call vote Number 443 (on agreeing to the Garamendi Amendment to H.R. 2898).

REMEMBERING PEGGY DELOACH NOBLES

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Peggy DeLoach Nobles who entered into eternal rest Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Born on September 24, 1936, Mrs. Nobles was the daughter of Henry William DeLoach and Navada Todd DeLoach. Mrs. Nobles was raised on a farm in Tattnall County and graduated from Glennville High School in 1954. She was also a graduate of Draughon's Business College in Savannah, Georgia.

Mrs. Nobles was active in business, and for decades worked as the administrator of the Long County Sheriff's Office alongside her husband, Cecil Nobles, who was the sheriff of Long County from 1969 until 2012. Mrs. Nobles continued her work with the Sheriff's Office as her son, Craig, was elected sheriff in 2012. Mrs. Nobles was a very active member of her community and the Long County Chamber of Commerce. She was also a longtime member of the Jones Creek Baptist Church in Ludowici, Georgia.

Perhaps most important to Mrs. Nobles was her love for her family and extended family with whom she always enjoyed spending time. She is survived by her three sons and daughters-in-law: James Cecil Jr. and Stephanie, Kenneth Elliot and Bonnie, and Craig William and Elizabeth; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; sisters, Gaynell DeLoach Paulk of Alexandria, Louisiana, and Ava Jean DeLoach Rooker of Glennville; brothers, Charles P. DeLoach of Glennville and Larry L. DeLoach of Lakeland, Florida; brother-in-law, Raymond Gus Nobles of Ludowici; and several nieces and nephews.

HONORING RICHARD P. HOWE

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, the City of Lowell, Massachusetts has a long and storied tradition of public service, forged by countless dedicated men and women who utilized innovative and open-minded ideas to better the lives of others and further progress in their community. Lowell recently lost one of those titanic figures with the passing of Richard P. Howe.

For all of us who were privileged to know Dick Howe, Sr., this is a moment to celebrate the life and the legacy of a devoted Lowellian.

My family first came to know Dick and his family when my husband Paul Tsongas served alongside him as a member of the Lowell City Council. They also shared a law office until Paul was elected to Congress. Dick was an important mentor and role model to Paul, exemplifying unwavering integrity, courageous leadership, and an abiding belief in the City.

Dick held office during Lowell's extraordinary transformation and was one of the creative community leaders who helped turn a shared vision to revitalize Lowell into reality.

Two years ago, we celebrated the dedication of The Richard P. Howe Bridge, which is a fitting tribute to a man who helped bridge many divides to bring people together in the name of the city he loved. He will be greatly missed.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH IN DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Educational Talent Search (ETS) in Durham, New Hampshire. I am pleased to join with the University of New Hampshire in recognizing this great milestone for ETS and its supporters.

This is a great achievement for both ETS and the University that supports it, and speaks highly to the outstanding services and guidance the program has offered to first-generation college students of the communities they serve. For the past 50 years, Educational Talent Search has been a leader in helping students with academic advising, postsecondary placement, academic preparation and career exploration.

Through the leadership of ETS, thirty-one middle schools and high schools throughout New Hampshire are being provided academic advising, career planning, and financial aid and financial literacy information, to better increase educational opportunities for those youth it supports. ETS has an impressive record of having 100% of the students it works with graduate from high school, and helping 86% of those students go on to attend college.

I am proud to join with my fellow Granite Staters in recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Educational Talent Search, and wish them all the best in their future years.

THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT VIOLATES ITS SECURITY, ECONOMIC, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENTS AGREEMENTS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I chaired a hearing of the Helsinki Commission that examined the Russian government's repeated violations of its international security, economic, and human rights commitments.

In accord with the three dimensions of security promoted by the OSCE and the Helsinki Final Act of 1975, the Commission looked at Russia's respect for the rule of law through the lens of three "case studies" current to U.S.-Russian relations—arms control agreements; the Yukos litigation; and instances of abduction, unjust imprisonment, and abuse of prisoners.

Forty years after the signing of the Helsinki Final Act, we face a set of challenges with Russia, a founding member of the organization, that mirror the concerns that gave rise to the Helsinki Final Act.

At stake is the hard-won trust between members—now eroded to the point that armed conflict rages in the OSCE region. The question is open whether the principles continue to bind the Russian government with other states in a common understanding of what the rule of law entails.

In respect of military security, under the 1994 Budapest Memorandum Russia reaffirmed its commitment to respect Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and existing borders. Russia also committed to refrain from the threat or use of force or economic coercion against Ukraine. There was a quid pro quo here: Russia did this in return for transferring Soviet-made nuclear weapons on Ukrainian soil to Russia.

Russia's annexation of Crimea and subsequent intervention in the Donbas region not only clearly violate this commitment, but also every guiding principle of the 1975 Helsinki Final Act. It appears these are not isolated instances. In recent years, Russia appears to have violated, undermined, disregarded, or even disavowed fundamental and binding arms control commitments such as the Vienna Document and binding international agreements, including the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE), Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF), and Open Skies treaties.

In respect of commercial issues, the ongoing claims regarding the Russian government's expropriation of the Yukos Oil Company are major tests facing the Russian government. In July 2014, GML Limited and other shareholders were part of a \$52 billion arbitration claim awarded by the Hague Permanent Court of Arbitration and the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).

In response, the Russian government is threatening to withdraw from the ECHR and seize U.S. assets should American courts freeze Russian holdings on behalf of European claimants, while filing technical challenges that will occupy the courts for years to come. All of this fundamentally calls into question Russia's OSCE commitment to develop

free, competitive markets that respect international dispute arbitration mechanisms such as that of the Hague.

I note that U.S. Yukos shareholders are not covered by the Hague ruling for their estimated \$6 billion in losses. This is due to the fact that the United States has not ratified the Energy Charter Treaty, under which European claimants won their case, as well as the continued absence of a bilateral investment treaty with Russia. This has handicapped U.S. investors in Russia's energy sector, leaving them solely dependent of a State Department espousal process with the Russian government.

We were all relieved to learn that Mr. Kara-Murza is recovering from the attempt on his life—by poisoning—in Russia earlier this year. His tireless work on behalf of democracy in Russia, and his personal integrity and his love of his native country is an inspiration—it is true patriotism, a virtue sadly lacking among nationalistic demagogues.

Sadly, the attempt on Mr. Kara-Murza's life is not an isolated instance. Others have been murdered—most recently Boris Nemtsov—and both his and Mr. Kara-Murza's cases remain unsolved.

In other cases, such as the abductions, unjust imprisonments, and abuses of Nadiya Savchenko, Oleg Sentsov, and Eston Kohver, we are dealing the plain and public actions of the Russian government. Nadiya Savchenko, a Ukrainian pilot and elected parliamentarian, was abducted by Russian government agents, imprisoned, subjected to a humiliating show trial, and now faces 25 years in prison for allegedly murdering Russian reporters—who in fact were killed after she was in Russian custody.

Meanwhile, a Russian court has sentenced Ukrainian film director Oleg Sentsov on charges of terrorism. Tortured during detention, Sentsov's only transgressions appear to be his refusal to recognize Russia's annexation of the peninsula and his effort to help deliver food to Ukrainian soldiers trapped on their Crimean bases by invading Russian soldiers. And the kidnapping and subsequent espionage trial against Estonian law enforcement officer Eston Kohver demonstrates the Russia's readiness to abuse its laws and judicial system to limit individual freedoms both within and beyond its borders.

The Magnitsky Act that I had the honor to co-sponsor was in part meant to address human rights abuses such as these. It sanctions those involved in the abuse, and works to discourage further human rights violations while protecting those brave enough to call attention to their occurrence. It troubles me greatly to hear that the Administration's listings of sanctioned individuals has thus far only targeted 'minor players,' rather than those who pull the strings.

HONORING KEVIN DORAN

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kevin Doran, who passed away earlier this week.

Mr. Doran was a long-time radio personality from Hornell, New York. He began his broad-

casting career by working odd jobs at WLEA, a local radio station, while in high school. After graduating from college, Mr. Doran worked as a reporter for the Hornell Evening Tribune while teaching history at Hornell High School. In 1972, he purchased WLEA and became general manager of the station. His family continues to operate the station to this day.

Mr. Doran was well-known through the Hornell area for his iconic voice, personality, and sense of humor. He was best known for hosting the popular Newsmaker Show, which won several awards for excellence from the New York State Broadcasters Association. He reported on a variety of topics, ranging from national politics to social issues and local events. Many residents remember his reports on the devastating 1972 flood in Hornell, during which he worked non-stop to provide information to his neighbors in need. On a lighter note, Mr. Doran famously allowed local children to call into his show with questions for Santa Claus, whom he "interviewed" live from the North Pole.

Mr. Doran was a larger-than-life personality who was beloved throughout the Hornell community. He leaves behind a proud legacy of broadcasting excellence, which will be continued by the numerous local reporters and broadcasters that he mentored during his career. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring and remembering the life of Kevin Doran.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,152,658,224,184.62. We've added \$7,525,781,175,271.54 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING FORMER LAKES REGION COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS VICE PRESIDENT TOM GOULETTE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 39 YEARS WITH THE COLLEGE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Mr. Thomas Goulette on his retirement after 39 years with Lakes Region Community College, and thank him for the outstanding work he did during his career.

Mr. Goulette's broad expertise in education has been instrumental to the growth of Lakes Region Community College, and his continuous progression from teacher to vice presi-

dent exemplifies his commitment to excellence. Over the last 39 years, Mr. Goulette has been an integral part of the education community and his leadership will be greatly missed.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Mr. Goulette on his retirement, and wish him the best on all future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 546 I regrettably missed roll call vote 546. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE REDLANDS CHRISTIAN MIGRANT ASSOCIATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Redlands Christian Migrant Association on their 50th anniversary, and to commend its exemplary service to the Florida community.

The Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) was founded by members of the Mennonite Church in 1965. They had noticed that the children of migrant workers faced extraordinarily dangerous conditions when they went into the fields with their parents. Parents had no other option but to bring their children with them into fields as they harvested crops. The RCMA brought in caregivers from the cultures of the workers to establish trust between the parents and their children's caregivers. The level of trust and close contact with the community formed the basis of the RCMA's successful model of provider to many cultures.

The RCMA began its service with seventy-five children in two facilities. It now serves over 8,000 children in over eighty-five centers. These facilities serve a large range of needs in the community. The RCMA's Early Head Start centers accept children as young as six weeks, while its after-school programs cater to ages 6 through 16. On all levels, the association prioritizes safety, health, and education.

Having dealt with the RCMA for a number of years, I know the level of commitment and dedication that the entire organization has for its work. It has served thousands of families and become an integral part of our community. I am proud to say that the RCMA serves so many families in our state. They are truly a model of an organization that cares. I look forward to many more years of working with the RCMA, and wish them nothing but the best.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Redlands Christian Migrant Association for its continued service in Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable organization.